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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF D'AUBUISSON INVOLVEMENT IN ROMERO ASSASSINATION.

1. [REDACTED] SOURCE REPORTED ON 30 APRIL THAT A SALVADORAN CITIZEN WHO WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED ON SOME MINOR CHARGE WAS REVEALED TO BE THE SAME PERSON ARRESTED CA APRIL 1982 ON A CHARGE OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH HIS ARREST RECORD AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR THAT CRIME, HE CONFESSED THE 1982 MATTER HAD BEEN A HOAX PERPETUATED BY THE ARENA PARTY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE ARRESTEE, HE WAS IN JAIL IN HONDURAS IN EARLY 1982 WHEN APPROACHED BY A HONDURAN MILITARY OFFICER AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE FREED IF HE AGREED TO DO A "JOB" IN EL SALVADOR. HE ARRIVED IN EL SALVADOR AND WAS BRIEFED BY UNIDENTIFIED ARENA PARTY MEMBERS TO CONFESS TO PARTICIPATING IN THE 1980 ASSASSINATION. HE WAS SENT TO JAIL AND WAS QUIETLY RELEASED AFTER THE 1982 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WITH ASSISTANCE TO ESCAPE TO MEXICO. IN THE INTERVENING YEARS HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN GUATEMALA AND RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. HE ADVISED THE SALVADORAN POLICE THAT HIS CONFESSION WAS PART OF A PLAN TO "PUBLICLY SOLVE" THE CASE OF ROMERO'S ASSASSINATION SO THAT SUSPICIONS OF INVOLVEMENT OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WOULD NOT TAINT LATTER'S CAMPAIGN FOR DEPUTY IN 1982.

3. EVENING 1 MAY, [REDACTED] SOURCE REPORTED PRESIDENT DUARTE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE A MEASURE IN THE NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO TRY D'AUBUISSON FOR THE DEATH OF ROMERO. AS A DEPUTY, HE CANNOT BE ARRESTED AND TRIED LIKE A REGULAR CITIZEN BUT WITH

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A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, HE CAN BE BROUGHT
TO TRIAL. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE NATIONAL CONCILIATION
PARTY (PCN) IS ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CASE AGAINST
D'AUBUISSON. DUARTE ALSO PLANS TO REMOVE JOSE FRANCISCO
((GUERRERO)), THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MEMBER OF ARENA PRIOR
TO BRINGING THE ACTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY [REDACTED]
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